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Federal Update: AgrAbility and Related Programs

2018 AgrAbility Virtual NTW

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- **AgrAbility:** USDA-sponsored program that assists farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural workers with disabilities.
 - Partners land-grant universities with disability services organizations. Currently 20 state projects
 - National AgrAbility Project: Led by Purdue's Breaking New Ground Resource Center.
 - Partners include:
 - Goodwill of the Finger Lakes
 - APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living)
 - Colorado State University
 - Washington State University
 - More information available at www.agrability.org



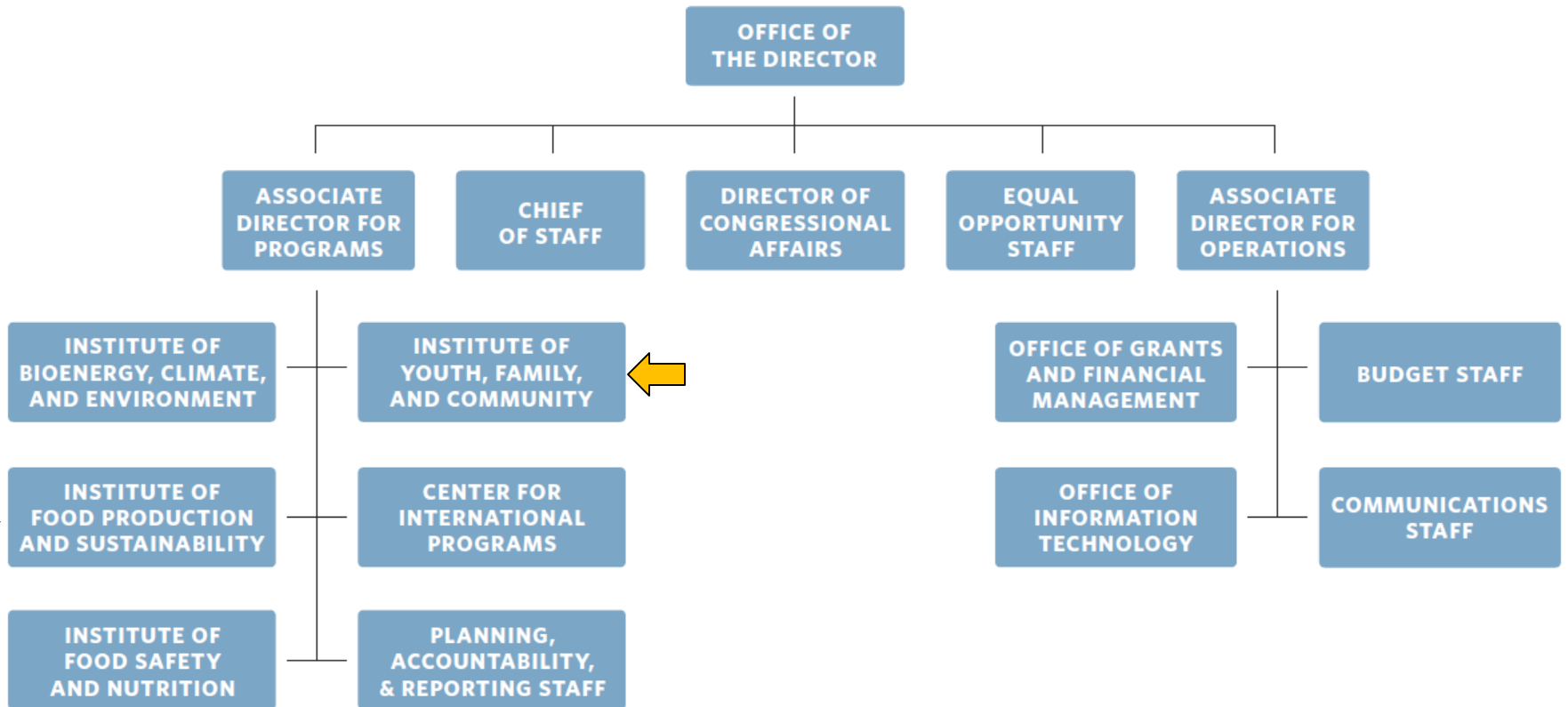
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FY 2018 in Focus



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NIFA in FY 2018

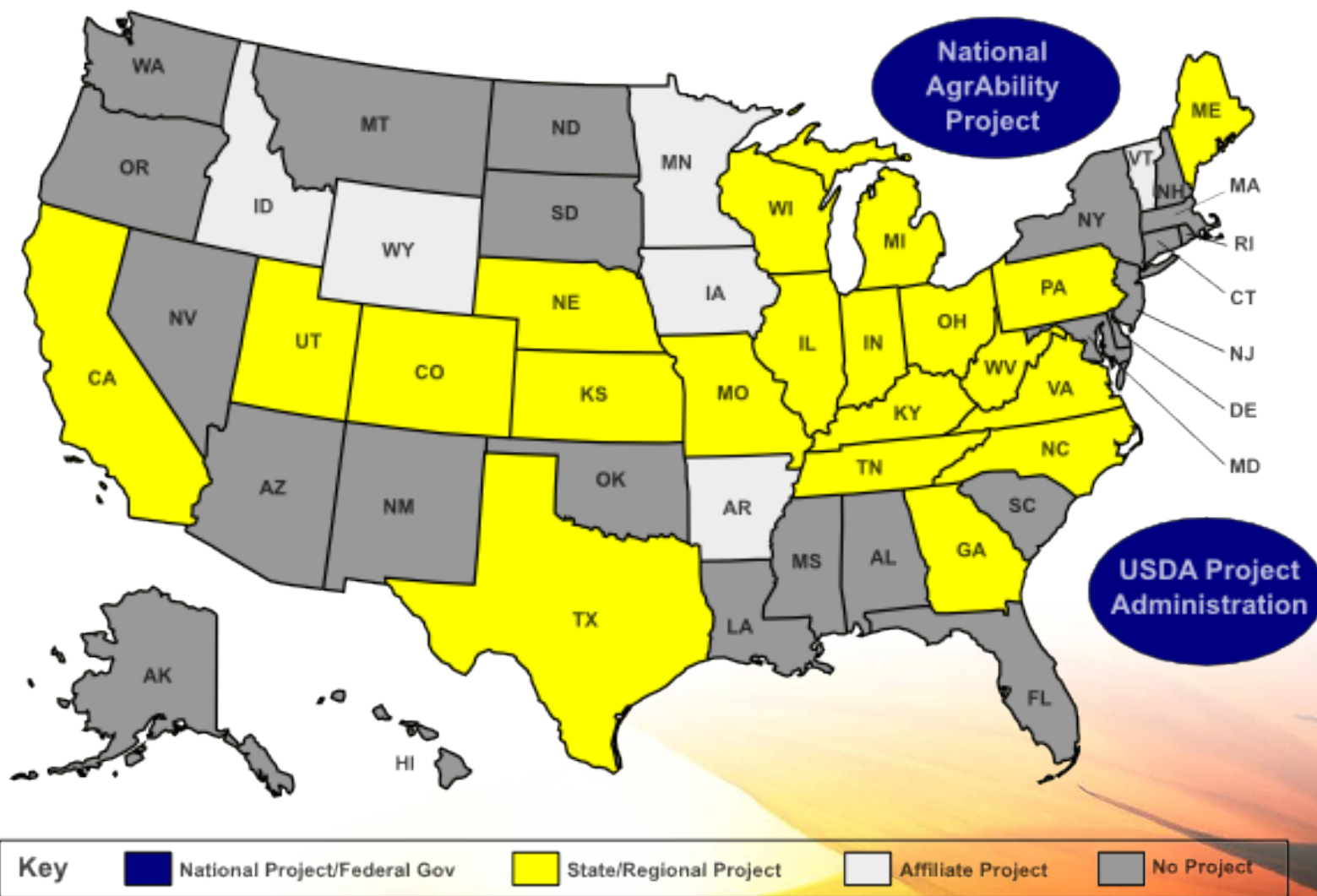
- Continuing Resolution (4th in 2018)
 - Funds NIFA activities for the next three weeks
 - At approx. 2017 level

- NIFA will continue to release Requests for Applications (RFA) for competitive programs.
 - AgrAbility RFA expected to be released in February, 2018.



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Continuation Grants Process in 2018

- Current awardees will not need to go through Grants.gov. Submit continuation applications directly to NIFA AgrAbility Program Leads.
- Letters will be coming out soon with more information on how to submit your continuation applications.
- If you are experiencing any issues with your continuations or continuation applications, let us know how we can assist.



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Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification FY2017

- Continue the national coordinated approach of providing agricultural safety and health education for youth
- \$100,000 per year for up to 4 years; 3 awards.
- *SAY National Clearinghouse Project* – to continue efforts made to date with SAY Clearinghouse.
- *YFSEC Instructor Training Project* – to support recruitment and training of youth farm safety instructors in currently available youth farm safety curricula.
- *YFSEC Youth Training Project* – to continue with development of new/enhancement of current youth farm safety curricula, implementation/piloting of those curricula with youth, and evaluation of youth training.



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Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

- In FY 2018, approximately \$17.7 million available
- 2018 RFA was released in November. Applications due Feb. 8, 2018.
- For all projects funded from 2009 to 2016 (256 projects), click on “**Read the Abstract**” at: nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp.
- The **Digital Library** of the BFRDP clearinghouse, FarmAnswers.org, has over 4,000 items: publications, videos, apps, on-line courses, and more.



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NCERA197: Agricultural Safety and Health Research and Extension

- Initiated 2000
- Members: 17 LGU's, 2Canada, 2 NIOSH
 - Summarize the research literature, engineering needs and outreach opportunities related to agricultural safety and health;
 - Encourage more research and outreach by land grant universities; and
 - Support youth safety activities encourage increased standards activity to reduce hazards and risks of agricultural work.
- Received 2014 North Central Region Award for Excellence



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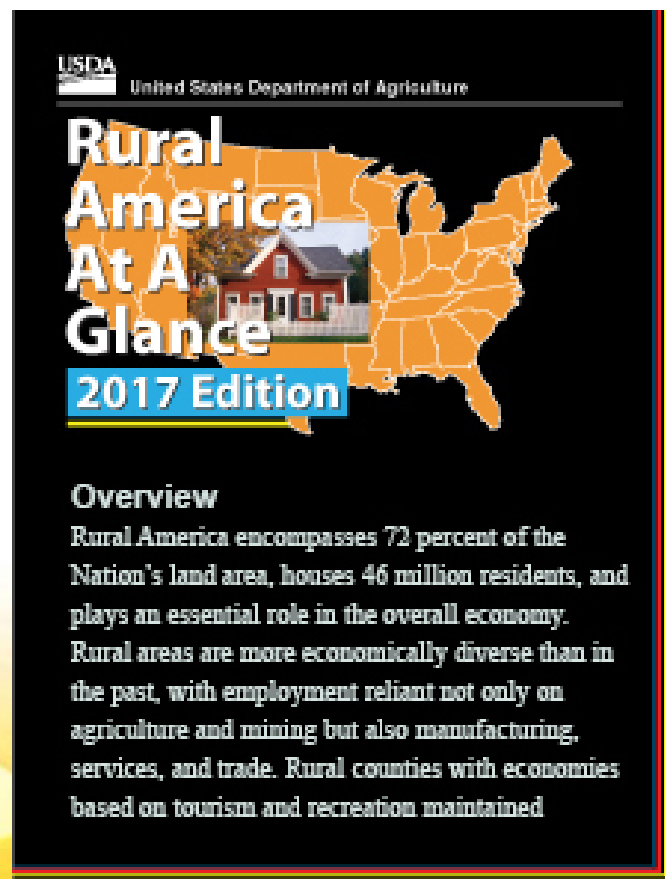
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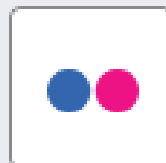
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